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Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Introductory Comments

In the Office Action of June 12, 2006, the Office finally rejected claims 12-14. By operation of the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 114 in the above-cited Reissue Patent Application, Applicants wish to continue examination of this case before the Office. Appendix A is attached which provides the status of the claims in the present Reissue Patent Application and Appendix B is attached which provides a set of the pending claims for the Office's convenience.